

# Unit Objectives

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- Identify potential ethical issues that can arise during an emergency.
- Describe the components of ethical decision making.
- Apply the problem-solving model to ethical issues.

# Definition of Ethics

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- A set of standards that guides our behavior, both as individuals and as members of organizations.
- Principles of right and wrong, such as being honest, fair, and treating others with respect.

# Ethical Don'ts

- Don't exceed your authority or make promises.
- Don't use your position to seek personal gain. For example, don't:
  - ✦ Solicit gifts.
  - ▢ Make decisions that benefit you financially.
  - ▢ Use inside information for your benefit.
  - ▢ Use agency time or property for personal reasons.
  - ▢ Use your position for product endorsement.

# Ethical Do's

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- Place the law and ethical principles above personal gain.
- Act impartially.
- Protect and conserve agency property.
- Put forth honest effort.

# Components of Ethical Decision Making

- Commitment (motivation)
- Consciousness (awareness)
- Competency (skill)
  - ◆ Evaluation
  - Creativity
  - Prediction

# Unit Summary

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In Unit 4, we examined the ethics of decision making.

Next: Decision Making in an Emergency